end, said collection end having attached thereon a collection pad for collecting and drying the sample containing the analyte, [said collection pad capable of having at least a portion thereof removed from]

wherein the device includes a means for facilitating removal of at least a portion of the collection pad from the relatively rigid strip to recover the analyte for detection or measurement by laboratory analysis.

5. (Amended) The device of claim 4 wherein the collection pad material is selected from [hydrogel,] glass fiber, glass fiber/cellulose mixtures, or cellulose.

6. (Amended) The device of claim [5] 4 wherein the collection pad material is polyvinyl alcohol.

7. (Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the [strip has] the means for facilitating removal of at least a portion of the collection pad comprises an aperture formed [in] through the collection end [which exposes a portion of a face of the collection pad contacting] of the strip.

12. (Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said device comprises a plurality of apertures formed [in] through the collection end of the strip.

19. (Amended) A kit for remote-site collecting of a biological sample from a patient for laboratory analysis of said sample, said kit comprising: